

REMARKS

Claims 27-29 are cancelled herein. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, and 20-26 are pending in the present case.

102(b) Rejection Claims 1, 4-6, and 9

Claims 1, 4-6, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kikinis (5,841,424). Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 4-6, and 9 are not anticipated by Kikinis.

Applicant respectfully states that the Independent Claim 1 includes the limitation "a data storage access slot." Applicant respectfully draws the Examiners attention to the first Office Action dated 9/19/2002, wherein the Examiner explicitly states "Kikinis fails to teach a data storage access slot." Applicant also points out the Examiners statement in the following Office Action dated 1/30/2003 where once again the Examiner clearly states "Kikinis fails to teach a data storage access slot." Applicant further points out the Office Action dated 7/22/2003 wherein the Examiner yet again states "Kikinis fails to teach a data storage access slot."

Additionally, Applicant respectfully states that Independent Claim 1 includes the limitation "receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer in a slot substantially the length of the portable computer, said receiving portion configured to rigidly fasten said portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation." Applicant points out that Kikinis fails to teach that the receiving portion slot is substantially the length of the portable

computer. Moreover, Applicant understands Kikinis to teach away from a slot substantially the length of the portable computer and instead teaches a device larger than the length of the portable computer having multiple bays.

Applicant further points out that Kikinis fails to teach or anticipate the computing device configured in a landscape (horizontal) orientation. Instead, Applicant understands Kikinis teaches a multiple connect and support bays for peripheral devices which are in a portrait orientation and cover the input portion of the portable computing device residing therein.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully states that the Examiner has clearly stated that Kikinis fails to anticipate the present claimed invention. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome, and that Independent Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claims 4-6 and 9 are dependent on Independent Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 4-6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

102(b) Rejection Claims 10, 12, and 14-15

Claims 10, 12, and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kikinis (5,841,424). Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 10, 12, and 14-15 are not anticipated by Kikinis.

Applicant respectfully states that the Independent Claim 10 includes the limitation "a data storage access slot.", Applicant respectfully draws the Examiners attention to the first Office Action dated 9/19/2002, wherein the Examiner explicitly states "Kikinis fails to teach a data storage access slot." Applicant also points out the Examiners statement in the following Office Action dated 1/30/2003 where once again the Examiner clearly states "Kikinis fails to teach a data storage access slot." Applicant further points out the Office Action dated 7/22/2003 wherein the Examiner yet again states "Kikinis fails to teach a data storage access slot."

Additionally, Applicant respectfully states that Independent Claim 10 includes the limitation "receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer in a slot substantially the length of the portable computer, said receiving portion configured to rigidly fasten said portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation." Applicant points out that Kikinis fails to teach that the receiving portion slot is substantially the length of the portable computer. Moreover, Applicant understands Kikinis to teach away from a slot substantially the length of the portable computer and instead teaches a device larger than the length of the portable computer having multiple bays.

Applicant further points out that Kikinis fails to teach or anticipate the computing device configured in a landscape (horizontal) orientation. Instead, Applicant understands Kikinis teaches a multiple connect and support bays for peripheral devices which are in a portrait orientation and cover the input portion of the portable computing device residing therein.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully states that the Examiner has clearly stated that Kikinis fails to anticipate the present claimed invention. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Independent Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome, and that Independent Claim 10 is in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claims 12 and 14-15 are dependent on Independent Claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 12 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome, as these claims are dependent on allowable base claims and recite additional limitations.

102(e) Rejection Claims 1 and 27

Claims 1 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by SanGiovanni (2002/01012946A1). Applicant has cancelled claim 27 and the rejection with respect to Claim 27 is moot. Applicant has further reviewed SanGiovanni and respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 1 is not anticipated by SanGiovanni.

Applicant respectfully states that the Independent Claim 1 includes the limitation “a data storage access slot.” Applicant respectfully states that SanGiovanni does not teach nor anticipate a data storage access slot.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully states that Independent Claim 1 includes the limitation “receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer in a slot substantially the length of the portable computer, said receiving portion configured to rigidly fasten said portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation.” Applicant points out that SanGiovanni fails

to teach that the receiving portion slot is substantially the length of the portable computer. Moreover, Applicant understands SanGiovanni to teach away from a receiving portion slot configured to rigidly fasten the portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation. Applicant understands SanGiovanni to teach a modular two body design that is rotatable. Therefore, SanGiovanni teaches away from a rigidly fastened orientation and instead teaches toward a rotatable two-body design.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Independent Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) has been overcome, and that Independent Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

102(e) Rejection Claims 10 and 28

Claims 10 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by SanGiovanni (2002/01012946A1). Applicant has cancelled claim 28 and the rejection with respect to Claim 28 is moot. Applicant has further reviewed SanGiovanni and respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 10 and 28 are not anticipated by SanGiovanni.

Applicant respectfully states that the Independent Claim 10 includes the limitation “a data storage access slot.” Applicant respectfully states that SanGiovanni does not teach nor anticipate a data storage access slot.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully states that Independent Claim 10 includes the limitation “receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer in a slot substantially the length of the portable computer, said receiving portion configured to rigidly fasten said portable computer system in a

landscape (horizontal) orientation.” Applicant points out that SanGiovanni fails to teach that the receiving portion slot is substantially the length of the portable computer. Moreover, Applicant understands SanGiovanni to teach away from a receiving portion slot configured to rigidly fasten the portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation. Applicant understands SanGiovanni to teach a modular two body design that is rotatable . Therefore, SanGiovanni teaches away from a rigidly fastened orientation and instead teaches toward a rotatable two-body design.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Independent Claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome, and that Independent Claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

102(e) Rejection Claims 18, 21-22, 24, and 29

Claims 18, 21-22, 24, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by SanGiovanni (2002/01012946A1). Applicant has cancelled claim 29 and the rejection with respect to Claim 29 is moot. Applicant has further reviewed SanGiovanni and respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 18, 21-22, 24, and 29 are not anticipated by SanGiovanni.

Applicant respectfully states that the Independent Claim 18 includes the limitation “a data storage access slot.” Applicant respectfully states that SanGiovanni does not teach nor anticipate a data storage access slot.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully states that Independent Claim 18 includes the limitation “receiving portion adapted to receive said portable

computer in a slot substantially the length of the portable computer, said receiving portion configured to rigidly fasten said portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation.” Applicant points out that SanGiovanni fails to teach that the receiving portion slot is substantially the length of the portable computer. Moreover, Applicant understands SanGiovanni to teach away from a receiving portion slot configured to rigidly fasten the portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation. Applicant understands SanGiovanni to teach a modular two body design that is rotatable . Therefore, SanGiovanni teaches away from a rigidly fastened orientation and instead teaches toward a rotatable two-body design.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Independent Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome, and that Independent Claim 18 is in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claims 21-22, and 24 are dependent on Independent Claim 18. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 21-22, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) has been overcome, as these claims are dependent on an allowable base claim and recite additional limitations.

103(a) Rejections

Claims 3 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis (5,841,424) in view of Helot (6,185,095 B1). Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over SanGiovanni (2002/01012946A1) in view of Helot (6,185,095 B1). Claims 7-8 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis in view of Madison et al. (6,181,284 B1). Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as

being unpatentable over SanGiovanni in view of Kikinis. Claims 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over SanGiovanni in view of Helot.

With respect to Batio (5,949,643), Applicant respectfully states that Batio alone or in combination with Kikinis and SanGiovanni fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations of “said keyboard portion allowing a user to communicatively interact with said portable computing system via said portable keyboard sled while also allowing a user to communicatively interact with said portable computing system via a standard input component of the portable computing system.” Applicant understands Batio to teach a portable computer having a split keyboard. Applicant further understands Batio to teach his keyboard as a retrofit for a notebook computer, or to be used in place of the standard input components of a notebook computing system. Applicant understands Batio to teach away from using the portable keyboard as a means for communicatively interacting with the portable computing system while also maintaining the standard input components as claimed.

Moreover, Batio fails to teach or render obvious the limitations of Independent Claim 1 including “receiving portion adapted to receive said portable computer in a slot substantially the length of the portable computer, said receiving portion configured to rigidly fasten said portable computer system in a landscape (horizontal) orientation.” Applicant points out that Batio fails to teach that the receiving portion slot is substantially the length of the portable computer. Moreover, Applicant understands Batio to teach away from a slot substantially the length of the portable computer and instead teaches a device

larger than the length of the portable computer having enhanced ergonomic configurations.

Applicant further points out that Batio fails to teach or anticipate the computing device configured in a landscape (horizontal) orientation. Instead, Applicant understands Batio to teach a split keyboard and pivotal display screen halves to be viewed in the portrait mode (e.g., the normal point of reference). If the Batio teachings were turned to the landscape mode, Applicant understands that the keyboard would be sideways which would be incongruous with operation therewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3 and 7-8 are dependent on an allowable independent Claim 1, Claims 13 and 16-17 are dependent on an allowable Independent Claim 10, and that Claims 20, 23, 25, and 26 are dependent on an allowable Independent Claim 18. Accordingly, Applicant also respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 3, 7-8, 13, 16-17, 20, 23, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been overcome, as these claims are dependent on allowable base Claims and recite additional limitations.

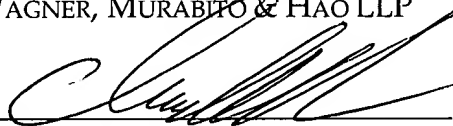
CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, and 20-26 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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